(e) and (f). In the matter of recruitment of staff, Government of India guidelines are being followed.

Seizure of Gold at Indira Gandhi International Airport

*332. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large quantity of gold biscuits concealed in the dryice compartment of food-trolley were seized from a Frankfurt-Delhi Lufthansa flight at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi on July 8, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of gold seized at Indira Gandhi International Airport during each of the last three years and the value thereof;

(d) the details of the persons arrested in this regard; and

(e) the present status of the prosecutions launched against them?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (e). The Customs authorities at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi seized 184 gold biscuits weighing 21.45 Kgs. valued at Rs. 1.09 crores found concealed in the dry ice compartment of two food trollies of Lufthansa airlines flight LH 760 which arrived on 9.7.1996 from Frankfurt. Investigations have revealed that seized gold was attempted to be smuggled by two passengers in collusion with four staff members of a flight catering unit. All the accused persons have been arrested.

The details of seizure of gold and the number of persons arrested at the Indira Gandhi International Airport during the last three years are as follows :

Year	Quantity (In Kgs)	Value (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of Persons Arrested
1993-94	64.459	287.45	33
1994-95	54.619	255.11	25
1995-96	105.830	512.60	27
1996-97 (upto 30.6.96)	30.000	158.88	4

The details of persons prosecuted in connection with smuggling of gold through the Indira Gandhi International Airport and status of prosecution are as follows :

Year	No. of Persons Prosecuted	Status of Prosecution		
		Evidence Stage	Decided	Absconding
1993-94	34	28	5	1
1994-95	19	15	3	1
1995-96	27	27	-	-
1996-97 (upto 30.6.96)	3	3	-	-

[Translation]

Foreign Investment by NRIs

*333. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of foreign investment made by the non-resident Indians during each of the last three years; and

(b) the details of the investments made in the backward areas out of the above investment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The investment proposals from the Non-Resident Indians approved during the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in Crores)

1993	*1994*	*1995*
3249.92	5123.41	6416.06

(b) Details of investments made by the NRIs in backward areas are not centrally maintained.

[English]

Deposits Attracting Scheme of Banks

*334. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Bank of India or any other public sector bank propose to evolve a scheme to compete with the non-banking financial companies in the matter of attracting deposits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the functioning of non-banking financial companies are affecting adversely the functioning of nationalised banks; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof and the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?